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THE annual meeting of the American Anthropological Association will be held in Philadelphia from December 28 to 31, in affiliation with Section H of the American Association for the Advancement of Science and the American Folk-Lore Society. Titles for the joint program should be sent immediately to Professor George Grant MacCurdy, secretary, Yale University Museum, New Haven, Conn.

UNIVERSITY AND EDUCATIONAL NEWS

THE board of regents of the University of Michigan has revised the faculty salary schedule of the literary department and the academic divisions of the engineering department. The revised and the original scales follow: Instructors, \$1,000–\$1,600, formerly \$900–\$1,400; assistant professors, \$1,700–\$2,000, formerly \$1,600–\$1,800; junior professors, \$2,100–\$2,400, formerly \$2,000–\$2,200; professors, \$2,500–\$4,000, formerly \$2,500–\$3,500. The revised scale affects 200 teachers, and increases the year's budget by approximately \$40,000.

CONTRACTS have been let for the construction of Ida Noyes Hall, the building which is to serve the women students of the University of Chicago as Bartlett Gymnasium and the Reynolds Club, provide for the physical culture and social needs of the men. This building, a gift of Mr. La Verne Noyes as a memorial to his wife, will be completed in January, 1916, at a cost of over \$450,000.

DR. ROGER I. LEE, of Boston, has been elected to the chair of hygiene recently established at Harvard University.

DR. HOWARD THOMAS KARSNER, assistant professor of pathology in the Harvard Medical School, has been appointed professor of pathology in the school of medicine of Western Reserve University.

DR. JOHN PENTLAND MAHAFFY, known for his work on Greek history, literature and social life, has been appointed provost of Trinity College, Dublin.

DR. ALDO CASTELLANI, director of the clinic for tropical diseases, Colombo, Ceylon, has

been appointed by the Italian government professor of tropical medicine in the University of Naples, and the director of the royal clinic for tropical diseases in the same city.

DISCUSSION AND CORRESPONDENCE

A PECULIAR BEHAVIOR OF CUMULUS CLOUDS OVER THE ILLINOIS RIVER VALLEY

AT noon on a bright day in mid-August, 1914, the writer noticed over the valley of the Illinois River in Schuyler County, Illinois, a phenomenon which he deems worthy of record. The day was hot, with a brisk breeze from the west, and clear except for light cumulus clouds, uniformly and fairly closely spaced,

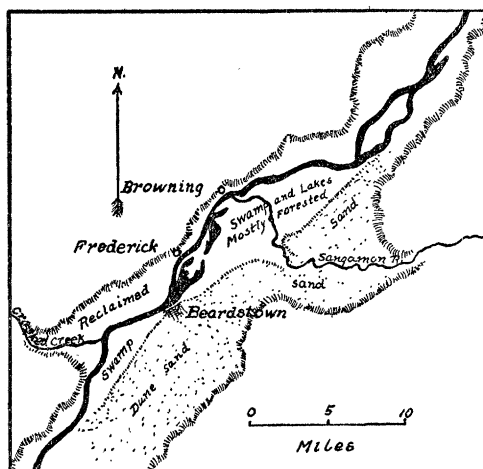


FIG. 1. Sketch of the portion of the Illinois River Valley along which the phenomenon here described was observed. Clear sky lay over the swampy and forested portion of the valley northeast of Beardstown while over the uplands and the reclaimed bottomlands cumulus clouds were observed. From the point of observation it could not be determined whether the clouds began again at the edge of the dune sand or at the eastern bluff.

moving rather rapidly with the wind. During a stop for lunch on the crest of the western bluff-border of the valley between Frederick and Browning (Fig. 1) attention was drawn to the movement of the cumulus clouds overhead. As a matter of curiosity a particular